

Amendment to the Specification:

[0021] The illustrated heating element assembly 10 essentially comprises an axially elongated substantially flat bundle of individual continuous carbon fibers or filaments, which cooperate to form an electrical heating a heating element which transforms electrical energy applied thereto into heat energy, the flat bundle or heating element being designated generally by the reference numeral 12 and that individual fibers or filaments being indicated at 14, 14. The assembly 10 further includes an outer jacket or electrically insulating sheath, indicated generally at 6, formed by lower and upper layers of relative thin dielectric sheet material 18 and 20, respectively. The layers 18 and 20 are of equal width and thickness, and arranged in opposing face-to-face relation to each other with the heating element 21 disposed therebetween. The upper face of the lower layer 18 is boded to the lower surface of the bundle 12, whereas the lower face of the upper layer 20 is disposed in direct contacting engagement with an in unconnected relation to the associated upper surface if the flat bundle 12, which it directly overlies and compliments.